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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is supplemental to the response filed May 18, 2009, responsive to the non-final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on November 17, 2008, in the above-identified patent application. Applicants are filing this Supplemental Response to augment the arguments related to Applicants' satisfaction of a long-felt need in the art provided in Section V of Applicants' May 18, 2009, response. In particular, since filing the initial response on May 18, 2009, Applicants have obtained a Declaration from Dr. Jozef Arnout under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, which is filed herewith, and wish to provide the information contained therein for consideration by the Examiner. Because Applicants' believe this information will place the application in condition for allowance (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2)(C)), and because Applicants' believe this paper is being filed well in advance of the Examiner's consideration of the May 18, 2009, Amendment and Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner, in her discretion, enter this Supplemental Response filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Applicants believe no fees are necessitated by this submission. However, if Applicants are mistaken, please charge any further required fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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